



TO: Interested JMG Partners
FROM: Jenny Veltri, JMG Program Specialist
RE: Request for Judges – 23rd Annual JMG Career Development Conference
April 30-May 1, 2013 – Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, MT

Greetings from Jobs for Montana's Graduates!

We will be holding the 23rd Annual **JMG Career Development Conference** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula April 30-May 1, 2013. **We would like to invite you to make a difference in the lives of JMG students by participating as a judge for a competitive event for our upcoming conference.**

Competitive Events: JMG high school students participate in competitive events which are directly related to job skills such as employment preparation, decision-making, public speaking, life skills math, telephone skills, etc.

Two Opportunities to Judge (choose one or both!):

April 9-18 in Helena: Some competitive events are submitted prior to the conference and will be judged ahead of time in April in Helena (called **pre-conference** events). Pre-conference judges will be sent information regarding the event and will judge the materials at their convenience April 9-18.

April 30-May 1 in Missoula: Students participate in these events in person at the conference in Missoula April 30-May 1 (called **on-site** events). On-site judges will receive information on their assigned event two weeks prior to the conference and there will be a short judges' orientation at the Hilton Garden Inn where further instructions on judging procedures will be provided. Different events are held at different times during April 30-May 1; you may indicate your availability time on the volunteer form. *Note that if you volunteer to judge an on-site event, your transportation and hotel costs will not be covered by JMG due to our limited budget for the conference. Make sure to obtain your supervisor's approval prior to agreeing to volunteer as a judge.*

Student Awards Luncheon: As a judge, you are also invited to the student awards luncheon after the competitive events on Wednesday, May 1 in Missoula where the winners of the competitive events will be announced and receive their awards.

Sign up: ***We need your assistance! Please email, fax, or send the attached form no later than March 15, 2013 to:***

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If you have any questions please contact me via email jveltri@mt.gov or phone at 444-1713. If you know of someone who you believe would enjoy participating as a competitive event judge, please encourage them to contact me by the deadline. Thanks for your help!

About JMG and the Career Development Conference: JMG helps high school students stay in school and provides career education and soft skills training so that they transition successfully to work, college, the military, or other additional training. One feature of the JMG program is the Montana Career Association (MCA), a student organization that develops self-esteem, leadership skills, civic responsibility and career awareness. Students represent their MCA chapter at the conference. For more information about JMG, please visit: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/jmg/jmg.asp>